

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: MCKEOWN et al.
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Title: CHEMICAL CONSTRUCTS AND THEIR USES

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

FIRST PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is being transmitted herewith for entry in the US National Phase under Chapter II of the PCT for the purpose of adding the priority information. Please amend the application as follows:

In the Abstract

Please substitute the attached Abstract, which has been placed on a separate sheet of paper according to US practice, as required under 37 CFR 1.72(b).

In the Specification

On the first line of the specification, after the Title, please add:

--This application is filed pursuant to 35 U.S.C. §371 as a United States National Phase application of International Application No. PCT/GB99/03284 filed 5 October 1999, which claims priority from GB9821669.0 filed 5 October 1998.--

In the Claims:

Please amend claim 6, 12, 13, 14, 17, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 31, 32, 33, 34 and 36 as follows:

6. (Amended) A chemical construct according to claim 1 wherein each solid support contains a coding tag or coding sequence which encodes information indicative of at least part of the synthesis history of the construct.

12. (Amended) A chemical construct according to claim 1 wherein a proportion of the total substrate R in the construct is linked to the solid support by means of a connecting group Y^b having a cleavage site which is cleavable to release a fragment F^b from the solid support, the fragment F^b comprising the substrate R and at least a portion of the connecting group